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# Rep. Grimm indicted on multiple counts of fraud

**Long list.** The Staten Island Republican was arrested Monday and charged with mail, wire and health care fraud, as well as filing false tax returns, among other allegations. **Vindication.** Grimm called the investigation a "witch hunt," vowing to fight "tooth and nail." PAGE 02



## Up in vapor

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The city's ban against smoking an e-cigarette in bars, restaurants, parks and beaches goes into effect today. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

## Paul Simon arrested in family spat

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### What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'NSFW: Rihanna wears see-through shirt to Nets playoff game'

2 'Donald Trump blasts Donald Sterling's girlfriend as "terrible human"'

3 VIDEO: Two adorable cats share same bowl of food with each other'



Michael Grimm has represented Staten Island since 2011. / GETTY IMAGES

# Grimm in court on federal tax charges

**'Not guilty.'** The U.S. congressman entered his plea on Monday.

Staten Island Rep. Michael Grimm pleaded not guilty on Monday to federal charges that he defrauded the government of taxes on his former health food restaurant.

Prosecutors allege that Grimm underreported over \$1 million of wages and sales at the Upper East Side restaurant, called Healthalicious. Authorities said some workers at the restaurant, which Grimm ran from 2007 to 2010, were also undocumented.

The Republican con-

gressman dismissed the charges as part of a "political witch hunt" designed to "assassinate" his character and career. He said he has no plans to resign because of the charges.

"We're going to fight tooth and nail until I am fully exonerated," Grimm said shortly after pleading not guilty in Brooklyn federal court.

Grimm, who represents parts of Staten Island and Brooklyn, was released on \$400,000 bond.

He was charged with mail, wire and health care fraud, filing false tax returns, perjury, obstruction of an official proceeding and hiring and employing unauthorized aliens in connection with Healthalicious, according

### Beliefs

**"As a former FBI agent, Representative Grimm should understand the motto: fidelity, bravery and integrity. Yet he broke our credo at nearly every turn."**

George Venizelos, FBI Assistant Director in Charge

to the 20-count indictment unsealed Monday.

"When it came to his restaurant, Michael Grimm never met a tax he didn't lie to evade," U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said.

The embattled congressman faces 20 years in prison for each of the top charges. He is expected in court again next month.

Grimm made headlines recently for threatening to throw a NY1 reporter off of a balcony

after the State of the Union address. The congressman later apologized to the reporter, who was threatened after asking about an investigation into Grimm's campaign finances.

Authorities have been probing Grimm's fundraising for the past two years. He is currently seeking re-election.

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The two were seen walking together on the bridge. / GETTY IMAGES

## NYPD. Two die after likely jump off George Washington Bridge

A man and a woman died after an apparent jump from the George Washington Bridge on Monday morning, authorities said.

Workers on the lower level of the bridge saw an object go past them from an upper deck and heard a splash around 11:20 a.m., Port Authority Police spokesman Joe Pentangelo said.

A worker saw the couple floating in the water. Earlier, they were observed walking on the bridge, the NYPD said.

After authorities pulled them from the water, the pair were rushed to St. Luke's Hospital and later pronounced dead.

Neither had identification, but officials believe they are between the ages

of 35 and 45. Investigators think the man and woman knew each other.

The suspected jumpers plunged into the water from the north walkway about halfway across the bridge.

No suicide note was found and no car was left unattended on the bridge, Pentangelo said.

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### Transit



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## MTA plans ticketing apps for railroads

Metro-North and Long Island Railroad ticketing may soon go mobile for the first time.

A mobile ticketing program approved by Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board committees on Monday would enable railroad riders to buy and display train tickets on their smartphones and tablets.

Through the program, riders could show conductors tickets on their mobile devices, which may then be visually verified or approved with a handheld device.

"This is a step forward as we look to use the latest technologies available to make fare payment at all our agencies easier, faster and more convenient," MTA head Thomas Prendergast said in a statement.

Part of a contract with Masabi, LLC, the program is up for final approval by the full MTA Board on Wednesday.

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E-cig smokers could be fined between \$50 and \$250 for breaking the law. / GETTY IMAGES

## E-cig ban goes into effect today across the city

**No smoking.** The vaporizer pens now fall under the same rules as regular cigarettes.

It might be a drag for some, but as of Tuesday anyone caught smoking an e-cigarette or a vaporizer pen in bars, restaurants, parks and beaches across the city face the same punishment tobaccos smokers have faced since 2002.

Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg capped off his administration by signing into law an amendment to the city's existing ban on cigarettes, extending it to cover vapor-based devices.

Ilona Orshansky was at City Hall when lawmakers debated the bill. One month earlier Orshansky, a California native, opened

Brooklyn's first vape shop in Williamsburg, aptly named Brooklyn Vaper.

"It's going to be impossible to enforce this," she said of the modified law.

Enforcement of the city's anti-smoking regulations falls mostly on the Health Department.

"We expect that this amendment will also be easy for businesses and property owners to understand, comply with and enforce in their settings," a spokesperson with the agency wrote.

The department added that citations will not be issued until Aug. 1, and signage will not be required to be posted until Oct. 26.

As with regular tobacco products, anyone caught breaking the law can be fined between \$50 and \$250.

However, Orshansky's business will be immune from city's new require-

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Ilona Orshansky

ments. Her shop makes more than 50 percent of its earnings through vaping products, which means her customers can vape in the store.

"People can vape in here as much as they want," she explained. "But as soon as they walk out this door, all of a sudden it's illegal for them to vape in the hall."

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### Education

## NY students graduate on time below national rate

A new report shows New York state's high school students are graduating on time at a lower percentage than the national average.

The state ranks 34th nationwide for students who graduated in 2012

### By the numbers

# 84%

Across the state, the report found wealthier students were more likely to graduate on time at 84 percent, compared to 68 percent of lower income students.

within three or four years of starting high school.

The report, "Building

a Grad Nation: Progress and Challenge in Ending the High School Dropout Epidemic," was released Monday by civic groups aiming for a 90 percent graduation rate by 2020.

In New York, the report indicated 63 percent of African-American students graduated on time, while 63 percent of Hispanic students did the same.

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# City's high-tech job sector shows rapid growth

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**Boom.** A report says that high-tech jobs can equal big bucks for NYC.

Tech jobs in the city are growing four times faster than any other industry, a report said on Monday.

With more than 100,000 high-tech jobs — about 25,000 of which were added in 2013 — the city hasn't seen this many jobs in the industry since the 2001 dot-com crash.

State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli announced the findings alongside Mayor Bill de Blasio at a Manhattan startup's offices.

The report found that an employee in the high-tech industry on average made \$118,600 in 2012.

"The high-tech industry is creating well-paying jobs and diversifying the local economy, which is helping to reduce New York City's economic dependence on Wall Street," the report added.

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The industry has more than 100,000 high-tech jobs.

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### New jobs

De Blasio, who is expected to give his first tech-related address May 19 at Internet Week New York 2014, praised the report's results.

- While many startups and firms have found

homes traditionally in Manhattan's Midtown South, DiNapoli said that the industry has been expanding into Lower Manhattan, Downtown Brooklyn and Long Island City.

## Scandal. SEC probing Christie's transportation funding: Report

Federal securities regulators are probing whether New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's administration improperly diverted funds from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for use on transport projects in New Jersey, the publication Main Justice has reported.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is looking into New Jersey's use of up to \$1.8 billion in tax-exempt bond financing from the Port Authority to fix a bridge and roadways feeding into the New Jersey side of the Holland Tunnel, Main Justice reported, citing unnamed sources.

The SEC's inquiry fol-



Christie / GETTY IMAGES

lows several other probes launched after the so-called Bridgegate scandal, in which operatives loyal to Christie's administration are accused of causing traffic jams on the George Washington Bridge in

September in retribution for a New Jersey mayor not endorsing Christie's re-election.

The controversy has prompted scrutiny of nearly every aspect of the Christie administration. The Manhattan District Attorney's office is looking into the use of Port Authority funds by New Jersey. Federal investigators and a New Jersey special legislative committee are also probing the bridge incident.

A Christie spokesman did not reply to an email seeking comment.

A Port Authority spokesman declined to comment for the story. **REUTERS**



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## Racist comments

## NBA's ruling on Clippers owner could be today

The National Basketball Association said it would make an announcement on Tuesday about its investigation into Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling as the fallout over his alleged racist comments began to pick up.

Sterling is being investigated by the NBA over racist comments he allegedly made that have since sparked widespread outrage in the United States.

The NBA said in a brief statement that a news conference would take place but gave no further details.

Auto dealer CarMax was first to announce it was ending association with the team followed by Virgin America, State Farm, Kia Motors America, P. Diddy's AQUAhydrate, Red Bull and Yokohama Tire.

REUTERS



Damage from the storms that ripped through Tupelo, Mississippi, on Monday. / TWITTER

## Deadly system causes tornado in Mississippi

**Dangerous weather.** Parts of Alabama, western Georgia and Tennessee also were at severe storm risk.

A ferocious storm system caused a twister in Mississippi that threatened tens of millions of people across the U.S. Southeast on Monday, a day after it spawned tornadoes that killed 16 people and tossed cars like toys in Arkansas

and other states.

A tornado went through Tupelo, Mississippi, in the northern part of the state at about 3 p.m., damaging hundreds of homes, downing power lines and toppling trees, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant told CNN.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries after six instances of tornadoes touching down in the state.

"It is not over. This is going to be a prolonged storm," Bryant said.

Rescue workers, vol-

unteers and victims have been sifting through the rubble in the hardest-hit state of Arkansas, looking for survivors in central Faulkner County where a tornado reduced homes to splinters, snapped power lines and mangled trees.

Nine of the victims came from the same street in the town of Vilonia, with a population of about 4,100, where a new middle school set to open in August was heavily damaged by a tractor trailer blown into its roof. **REUTERS**

## Charged. Paul Simon, wife arrested after domestic dispute

Grammy Award-winning singer Paul Simon appeared in court on Monday with his wife, singer Edie Brickell, after a pushing match at their Connecticut home ended in charges for the pair.

Both singers faced a judge in Norwalk Superior Court after their weekend arrest on disorderly conduct charges stemming from the family dispute.

"Neither of us has any fear or anything to feel threatened about," Simon, who wore a navy blue suit, told Judge William Wenzel.

Simon, 72, said the

## Quoted

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Simon told Judge William Wenzel.



Simon and Brickell / THE HOUR

incident on Saturday night was extraordinary in their 22 years of marriage, during which they raised three children.

"We had an argument that is atypical of us," Simon said.

Brickell, 48, agreed, telling the judge, "He is no threat to me at all."

The dispute escalated and Brickell's mother, who was visiting, called police. **REUTERS**

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# US advises avoiding using Internet Explorer browser until security flaw is fixed

## Vulnerability.

Microsoft programmers are rushing to fix the problem.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security advised computer users to consider using alternatives to Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer browser until the company fixes a security flaw that hackers have used to launch attacks.

The bug is the first high-profile security flaw

to emerge since Microsoft stopped providing security updates for Windows XP earlier this month. That means PCs running the 13-year-old operating system could remain unprotected against hackers seeking to exploit the newly uncovered flaw, even after Microsoft figures out how to defend against it.

The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team, a part of Homeland Security known as US-CERT, said in an advisory released on Monday morning that the vulnerability in ver-

## Quoted

**"Everybody should be moving off of it now. They should have done it months ago."**

Jeff Williams, director of security strategy with Dell SecureWorks

sions 6 to 11 of Internet Explorer could lead to "the complete compromise" of an affected system.

"We are currently unaware of a practical solution to this problem," Carnegie Mellon's Software Engineering Insti-

tute warned in a separate advisory that US-CERT linked to in its warning.

Cybersecurity software maker FireEye Inc. warned that a sophisticated group of hackers have been exploiting the bug in a campaign dubbed "Operation Clandestine Fox."

FireEye, whose Mandiant division helps companies respond to cyber attacks, declined to name specific victims or identify the group of hackers, saying that an investigation into the matter is still active. **REUTERS**



Security experts have long been warning Windows XP users to upgrade to Windows 7 or 8 before Microsoft stopped supporting it at the beginning of this month. / GETTY IMAGES

## Percent of PC users

# 15-25

The threat that emerged over the weekend could be the wakeup call that prompts the estimated 15 to 25 percent of PC users who still use XP to dump those systems.

## Internet Explorer

# 55%

Versions 6 to 11 of Internet Explorer dominate desktop browsing, accounting for 55 percent of the PC browser market, according to tech research firm NetMarketShare.

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## Mail. AOL investigates cyber attack, warns that user data compromised

AOL Inc. on Monday urged its tens of millions of email account holders to change their passwords and security questions after a cyber attack compromised about 2 percent of its accounts.

AOL said it was working with federal authorities to investigate the attack, in which hackers obtained email addresses, postal addresses, encrypted passwords and answers to



security questions used to reset passwords.

It said there was no

indication that the encryption on that data had been broken.

A company spokesman declined to say how many email accounts are registered on its system.

AOL said that it identified the breach after noticing a "significant" increase in the amount of spam appearing as spoofed emails from AOL addresses. **REUTERS**

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## Ukraine. US sanctions more Russian citizens

The United States imposed new sanctions on allies of Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday, prompting Moscow to denounce "Cold War" tactics amid more violence in eastern Ukraine.

Banning visas and freezing assets of the likes of Putin's friend Igor Sechin, head of oil giant Rosneft, also drew fire from President Barack Obama's domestic critics, who called it a "slap on the wrist," even as European allies wrangled over how to follow suit without badly hurting their own economies.

The new round of sanctions, following those imposed last month when Russia annexed Crimea, barely registered in eastern Ukraine, where pro-Moscow rebels were holding a group of German and other Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe observers for a fourth day.



Pro-Russian activists in Donetsk, Ukraine / GETTY IMAGES

Despite a Ukrainian military operation to contain them, the militants extended their grip by seizing key public buildings in another town in Donetsk region. In the region capital of Donetsk itself, club-wielding pro-Russian activists broke up a rally by supporters of the Western-backed government in Kiev. **REUTERS**

### Pressure

## Lawmakers say latest Russia sanctions are too mild

Senior U.S. Republican lawmakers said on Monday the latest sanctions imposed on Russian individuals and companies are too mild to deter Moscow from further action in Ukraine and promised legislation to pressure the Obama administration to take stronger action.

Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called the new sanctions "just a slap on the wrist."

"Until Putin feels the real pain of sanctions targeting entities like Gazprom, which the Kremlin uses to coerce Ukraine and other neighbors, as well as some significant financial institutions, I don't think diplomacy will change Russian behavior and de-escalate this crisis," Corker said in a statement. **REUTERS**

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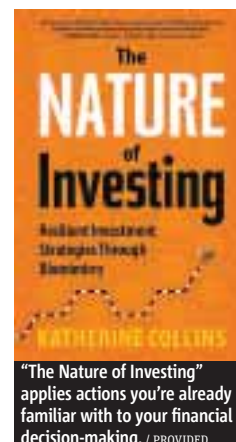
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## Don't be intimidated. Investing is actually easier than you think

For the average person, the idea of starting to invest is overwhelming. But in financial expert Katherine Collins' new book, "The Nature of Investing," it sounds so easy that an insect could do it. In fact, investment skills are used in nature all the time. We outline some of the need-to-know facts about this new, simpler way of thinking about money.

### The basic idea

"Every time you make a decision, it's an investment of some sort, whether it's your time, money or energy," Collins says. Rooted in this way of thinking, she advises investors to live by the principle of biomimicry by asking yourself, what would nature do? "Just asking yourself that question brings really surprising insights, and answers start popping up right away that can lead you on



### The waiting game

#### The biggest challenge

If you're like most and have been conditioned to problem-solve, Collins says the hardest part about biomimicry is observing what is happening before taking action. "Just know that it's not wasted time. It's time you're spending taking things in," she says. Then you can make actionable decisions.

a path to really healthy decision making around your finances," she says.

### How it works at every level

Collins says investing used to be more personal: "The mind-set was: If you're buying a stock, you're buying a piece of

the company and you should understand why it's worthwhile. Now, it's about starting with a data stream and then, if you're lucky, working backward and finding out what that data means. I want to remind people what investing really is. The rest of that stuff is just trading, and often speculation."

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"I need to work in music. It's everything that runs through me," says Birnbaum. / PROVIDED

I couldn't give it up, so I started singing on the side and working in music publishing. Being a musician is often a difficult lifestyle for paying bills and having health insurance.

#### What is your other job?

I run a babysitting agency. When I was a musician, I used to babysit, and families would ask me if I knew of other sitters. ... I started this little business that caters to my peers who are in the arts. The families love them because they can teach dance or singing to the kids. And the musicians love it because they are helping children and are better able to pay their bills.

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Definitely. I'm so happy doing what I love. If someone offered me a rather banal job with an amazing salary, I wouldn't take it.

#### The stats

#### Amy Birnbaum

Age: 33  
Residency: Upper West Side  
Lives: Alone  
Number of jobs: 2

#### How did you get into music publishing?

I have a background in music and Broadway production.

#### Are you a musician yourself?

I am. I was on a record label; I still sing [at gigs]. But it's so hard to make a living as a performer. I knew



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### Twitter feed

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Today, Carrie Fisher is trying to satisfy her curiosity, Louis C.K. is frustrated with the education system, Seth MacFarlane is looking for help and Rebel Wilson is living life.

@carriefisher: Where is the jig when it's not up? I want a postcard from there. Any takers?

@louisk: My kids used to love math. Now it makes them cry. Thanks standardized testing and common core!

@SethMacFarlane: Who takes the best selfies in LA? I need someone good to do mine.

@RebelWilson: Just so we're all clear: I didn't get out of pajamas all day today...BUT I did walk to the fridge eight times

### Talking points



KATY PERRY AND DIPLO / FILMMAGIC, WIREIMAGE

## Perry moves on from Mayer with Diplo

Katy Perry finally confirmed her split from John Mayer last week, and now it seems she's already moved on — with DJ and producer Diplo. The two were spotted having dinner together before heading to the New York premiere of "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," according to TooFab, and while they reportedly did their best to avoid being photographed together, sources say they were seen leaving together, taking off in the same SUV. Perry and Diplo were previously seen enjoying each other's company at the Coachella music festival earlier this month. "It was very obvious that Katy and Diplo were together," a source told Page Six of that sighting.

## Martin blames self for 'conscious uncoupling'

In Chris Martin's first interview since the announcement of his and wife Gwyneth Paltrow's "conscious uncoupling," the Coldplay front-man sheds some light on what his motivation has been while his marriage is ending. "I wouldn't use the word breakdown. This was more a realization about trying to grow up, basically," he tells BBC Radio 1's Zane Lowe. "You can be with someone very wonderful, but because of your own issues you cannot let that be celebrated in the right way. What changed for me was I don't want to go through life being scared of it, being scared of love, being scared of rejection, being scared of failure."

## THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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## Beyoncé and Jay Z announce 'On the Run' tour

The couple that tours together, stays together.

Beyoncé and Jay Z announced their dates for this summer's On the Run tour, named after their Grammy-nominated collaboration on Jay Z's "Magna Carta Holy Grail."

The 16-date trek starts June 25 in Miami and hits Met Life Stadium on July 11. Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday.

My favorite part about the "On the Run" announcement? That they are dressed up like a pair of bank robbers while the logo for Chase bank, the tour's sponsor, appears at the bottom.

### RIP

## DJ E-Z Rock dies

According to a Facebook post from longtime collaborator MC Rob Base, hip-hop DJ, DJ E-Z Rock, died on Sunday at his home. He was 46. Base and Rock are perhaps best known for their 1988 smash hit "It Takes Two."



Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock paired up in 2012. / WIREIMAGE

## A 'Star Wars' selfie and hint

Although casting for the new "Star Wars" is still very secretive, actor Peter Serafinowicz, who voiced Darth Maul in "The Phantom Menace," tweeted out a photo of himself with "Star Wars" legend Mark Hamill on Sunday. "Met up with @HamillHimself in London today. I wonder why he's here," he wrote cheekily.

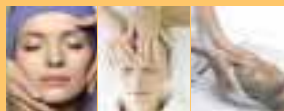
Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford (do I really have to explain to you who they are in relation to the "Star Wars" franchise?) have also been spotted in London just as J.J. Abrams' first installment of a new "Star Wars" trilogy is about to begin shooting at nearby Pinewood Studios.



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## Clutch Restaurant

The slow food movement has found its footing across the pond as

well. Case in point is Clutch Restaurant. All the eggs and chickens at this ethically sourced spot, the exterior of which was designed by the British fashion designer Gareth Pugh, come from free-range farms, so you can feel even better about set-

tling in for brunch, dinner or Sunday supper here. It gets bonus points for serving gluten-free sausage.

Clutch, 4 Ravenscroft Street, E2 7QG; [clutchchicken.com](http://clutchchicken.com)

## Discount Suit Company Club Night

Whether you're in town for work or play, everyone needs to know the whereabouts of at least one speakeasy while they're in London. This neighborhood cocktail bar was originally a storeroom for the old suit company situated

**Clipper Coffee Merchants opened in March 2014.**

above. It's close to Spitalfields Market and Liverpool Street station, as well as being within walking distance of both Brick Lane and Shoreditch. Come for a cocktail and stay for a DJ set to hear northern soul, rock 'n' roll and blues on the weekends.

Discount Suit Company, 29A Wentworth Street, E1 7TB; [www.discountsuitcompany.co.uk](http://www.discountsuitcompany.co.uk)

## Clipper Coffee Merchants

Stop off at this Shoreditch coffee shop, better known as a bulk brew bar, to try one of the single-origin roasts of fresh-crop coffees ethically sourced from farms around the world. Clipper is a big proponent of the farm-to-cup coffee movement, which means every coffee farmer is fairly compensated every time it sells a cup of its pretty fantastic joe.

Clipper Coffee Merchants, 87 Leonard Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4QS; [www.clipper-coffee.com](http://www.clipper-coffee.com)

## Momo's Weekend Voyages Brunch

This North African-style restaurant is a legend within London's food scene. Do yourself a favor and make your way to Momo for one of its Weekend Voyages brunches. Try the London to Marrakech, the Paris Marseille Express, or the 1st Class to Casablanca — no matter which one you choose, your tastebuds will thank you.

Momo, 25 Heddon Street, W1B 4BHJ; [www.momoresto.com](http://www.momoresto.com)

## The Fable Bar & Restaurant

With its Royal family, palaces and crown jewels, life in London can feel like a fairytale to most Americans, but if you want a bit more fantasy next time you're in town, head to The Fable. There's something really magical about this place and we're not just

**Don't let the name fool you. Discount Suit Company serves atmosphere and excellent cocktails.**



talking about its gin drinks. The entire restaurant was inspired by enchanted tales from Aesop and other beloved storytellers from around the world. Make sure to stop by its "Ever After" shop for gifts before you go or to grab a bouquet of flowers from its in-house florist.

The Fable, 52 Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2FD; [www.thefablebar.co.uk](http://www.thefablebar.co.uk)

## Gin Joint

The gin capital of the world once sat at the heart of London's city center. The streets, including Gin Lane, surrounding the Barbican Centre, the largest performing arts center in Europe, were once awash in juniper-flavored spirit. Today Gin Joint, located on the second floor of the Barbican Centre, serves as a reminder of the city's spirited past. Head to the bar any night of the week between 5-8 p.m. for a happy hour special they call "Gin Democracy." Drink any of the bar's 40 London dry gins for the cost of its house spirit. Now that's a drink special to raise a glass to.

Gin Joint, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS



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The Sullivan County Visitors Association lists a ton of information for visitors at [www.scva.net](http://www.scva.net)—everything from events and attractions to dining and lodging. Don't forget: There's great shopping in Sullivan County, too.

If you're looking for a place to stay, Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in nearby Callicoon is a great option. Villa Roma Resort has been under the current

ownership and management since 1969. Once a small seasonal boarding house, Villa Roma is now a year-round, full-service resort hotel. There's no better place to spend this beautiful time of the year than Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center. Bring your entire family for fun-filled festivals, exciting packages and outstanding accommodations. You're sure to find something for everyone. Although Villa Roma specializes in family vacations, the resort is also a popular venue for reunions, meetings, conferences, senior citizen tours, destination weddings, school groups and more.

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It's time to visit Sullivan County and enjoy everything the Catskills have to offer. For more information and for a chance to look at all the fun in store for spring and summer, visit [www.scva.net](http://www.scva.net).



## Eureka Market & Café Fresh, Local Food in the Catskills

**P**rospective buyers and visitors to the Catskills often ask where they can buy locally grown and raised foods. Some want to know where they can dine out. When Country House Realty & Red Cottage Inc. established Eureka Market & Café, they made the answer to both questions a lot easier.

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In addition to fresh-baked, home-cooked food, locally sourced produce, dairy and meats, and gourmet market goods, Eureka Market serves authentic New York-style pizza. It's the talk of the town and features homemade dough and sauce, by the slice or by the pie, seven days a week.

Eureka Market is on a mission to bring back the "local country store"—that

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The Cape Cod chopped salad contains locally sourced greens and comes topped with bacon, walnuts, apple, dried cranberries and cheese with homemade vinaigrette.

For lunch, do yourself a favor and try a slice of Greek pie. A yummy pizza with feta cheese, chopped organic spinach, olives and garlic.

The bakery is stuffed with everything from muffins to irresistible brownies (or black and white brownies) and lemon bars to sourdough bread. It's a real treat.

When you're in the Catskills, make sure to track down Eureka Market & Café, located at 7991 State Rt. 55 in Gramhamsville. To take a look at the menu, visit [www.eureka-market.com](http://www.eureka-market.com).





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Many have attempted to copy but have never duplicated what makes Villa Vosilla so special. The family says, "We're unique as the villa is our home, and guests are

welcomed to our home. It's all about loving what we do and working together. It's been said that imitation is the best form of flattery. I guess we should feel flattered."

The area is a sports lover's dream, especially perfect for golfers. If sports aren't your passion, you'll love strolling to village shops, attractions and the performing arts center or enjoy a host of onsite amenities.

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Get your summer on now – escape down the coast to Atlantic City. From sandals to stilettos and foie gras to funnel cakes, Atlantic City offers something for everyone. Enjoy world-class entertainment, dining, shopping, gaming, relaxing on the beach and strolling the historic boardwalk, voted the nation's best by *National Geographic*.

Every day is exciting in this dynamic, year-round destination, and this summer's lineup of special events and activities is no exception.

### DO AC Sand Sculpting World Cup (June 19 - July 6)

The world's top 20 sand sculptors will create their eye-popping masterpieces in the DO AC Sand Sculpting World Cup. The competition is its own spectacle, with sculptors carving complex and detailed works right before your eyes – some as tall as 14 feet. The magnificent works of art are created with just sand and water, and the event takes place on the Beach at Missouri Avenue (btw. the Pier Shops at Caesars and Trump Plaza Beach Bar). It's free and open daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Challenge Atlantic City Triathlon (June 29)

The global long-distance triathlon series Challenge Family will make its long awaited debut in the United States

with Challenge Atlantic City. Athletes from across the nation and around the world will be tested to their limits over the 140.6 mile (226km) race course that begins and ends in AC. More than 1,100 triathletes have registered to participate. Spectators are welcome to cheer athletes along the course, and admission is free.

### 4th Of July Fireworks (July 4)

July Fourth weekend kicks off with one of the top five fireworks displays in the country. This free show is so big that it takes two ocean barges and one marina platform to fill the entire sky over the island. Now in its third year producing the fireworks, the Atlantic City Alliance has exciting new surprises in store for 2014.

### Blake Shelton Beach Concert (July 31)

Join one of the nation's biggest stars – Blake Shelton – on the free beach in Atlantic City this summer as he performs a free concert. Shelton's appearance is part of a summer-long musical "DO AC" celebration of Atlantic City's world famous boardwalk that includes free entertainment daily. The event is presented by the Atlantic City Alliance and DO AC and produced by Live Nation.

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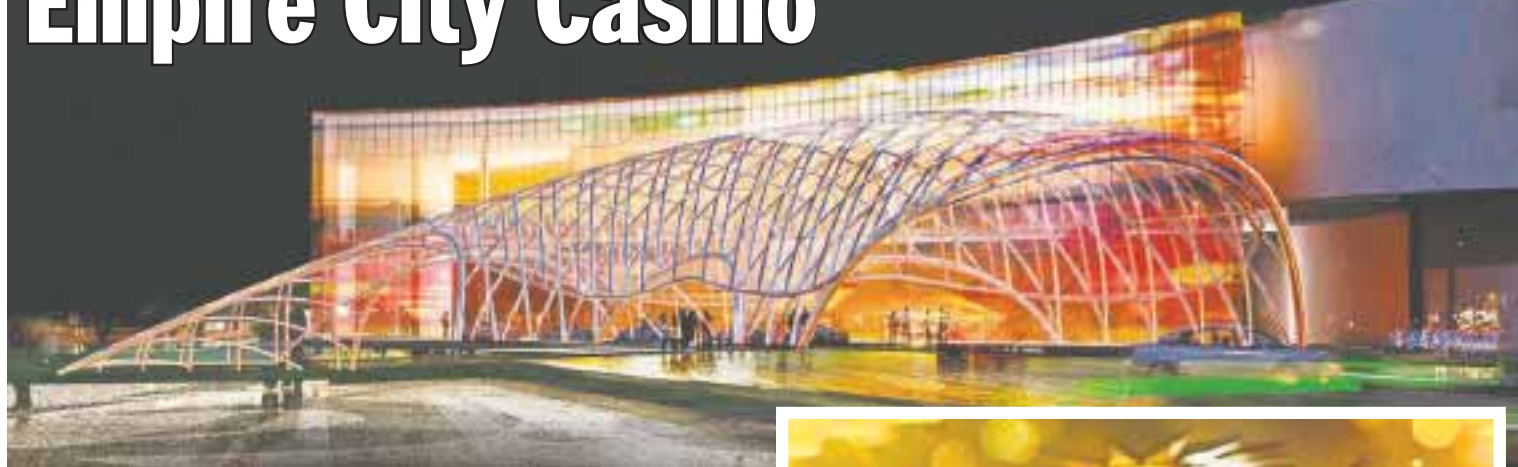



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# Cutting Edge Technology, Expanded Gaming Amenities and Plenty of Perks Entice High-Limit Players to Empire City Casino



**E**mpire City Casino is one of the largest casinos in the Northeast, featuring 5,400 gaming seats. It's recently expanded its selection of the very popular, high-tech Interblock electronic table game units allow players additional options to play roulette, craps, baccarat and sic bo. These games feature live roulette wheels, electro-mechanical dice and real cards, making them extremely similar to the live dealer versions of these popular table game themes. The digital betting formats allow players to play faster with up to 80 results per hour.

"These games represent some of the most innovative technology in the gaming industry and generate nearly identical payout results for the player as the live dealer versions," says Mike Palmieri, vice president of gaming operations at Empire City Casino.

In addition, many guests see this type of

format as much less intimidating than a live dealer table.

"I can place any bet I want and not feel like the rest of the table is judging me," says Howard G. from Long Island, New York.

"These games are extremely popular and continue to grow in popularity as the market becomes aware of how similar they are to live tables," says Ryan Murphy, vice president of marketing at Empire City Casino. "If you live anywhere near New York City and enjoy roulette, craps, baccarat or sic bo, you don't want to drive hours when you can play literally minutes away."

These additional games will bring the total electronic table game seats available at Empire City Casino to over 320 positions and allow table game players access to their favorite game any day of the week. The limits range from just \$5 per bet up to \$2,500, and the games are located throughout the casino, including in the new high-limit gaming area.

"We have opened a single zero roulette game, as well as a high-limit baccarat game, to attract the bigger players in the market," Palmieri says. "Our gaming floor is very comfortable but also dynamic, which appeals to both the seasoned player and the more casual player."

This spring Empire City will launch a new tier level for its highest-valued players – the President's Club. In addition to the generous rewards offered



to Empire Club members, enhanced benefits for President's Club members include door-to-door sedan service, access to a 24-7 personal concierge, VIP tickets to local concerts and sporting events and more.

"Our rewards for our club members are significant," Murphy says. "We encourage high-limit players to game with us and ensure them that they will receive the level of service they expect and deserve. They'll enjoy complimentary beverages, food and other amenities in our all-new, opulent VIP lounge, which provides our higher-level players with an environment as nice as any you would see in casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City or elsewhere."

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the country, features 5,400 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing; and live entertainment, including the best bands, comedy, karaoke and more.

A plethora of dining options will satisfy

even the most discerning palate. Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; dine trackside with live betting at Empire Terrace Restaurant; or pick up convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Grab 'n Go. A new, \$50-million expansion added Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar that boasts creations by Michelin-starred chef Christopher Lee. Pinch American Grill, in collaboration with Ducasse Studios, not only whets the appetite, but also features 100 New York craft beers. Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes.

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## On the legendary Hammer Films

"Despite the fact that I hadn't seen many of the classic Hammer horror movies that they're kind of famously known for, obviously I'd heard of Hammer horror. So being under that umbrella, I felt like there was a safety net. 'OK, I'm safe here. I don't think it's going to be an awful movie. If they're behind it, it's got to have something to it.'"

## On having fans, now

"It's really strange. It's something you can never get used to. There were some girls discussing if I would speak at their funerals or write a eulogy for them — these are, like, 12-year-old kids. It's scary how obsessed [they are] — obsessed in a positive way! I didn't mean like literally they would kill themselves. But it's nice to have an incredibly loyal fan base and people that will go to see my movie even if it's rubbish."

## On social media

"So, I have Twitter and I have Instagram, and I also have other forms of

I'm not that guy who literally says, 'I'm now having a coffee, I'm now sitting down with my coffee, I'm putting one

# SAM CLAFLIN

You've seen this British actor before. Now he gets to headline his first big film, "The Quiet Ones."

## HITTING BIG

social media that I only keep specifically for my friends. What's amazing about Twitter and Instagram — I'd never put it down — is I feel it's great for someone who's in the limelight to have the ability to kind of connect with fans on a daily basis. I mean,

sugar cube in my coffee. Here's a picture of my coffee. Here's my coffee drunk.' I just feel like occasionally it's nice to keep people in the know. But I don't ever say, 'I'm going to be here at this time, please come see me.' I think that could get out of hand."



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### The DL

## Sam Claflin

**Where you've seen him:** He played a missionary in "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," Kristen Stewart's childhood friend in "Snow White and the Huntsman" and Finnick Odair in "The Hunger Games" sequels.

**Where he is now:** He's the lead in "The Quiet Ones," from the Hammer Films studio.

**Where he will be:** Apart from more "Hunger Games" movies, he's doing the Lily Collins rom-com "Love, Rosie" and "Posh," by director Lone Scherfig.



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### On actually being in big films

"I remember walking out of the audition and speaking to my agent and going, 'You know what, man? I'm not going to get this. It's, like, ridiculous. Never going to happen.' And then two days later I got asked to fly myself out to Los Angeles." Claflin



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# Driving you crazy

**Interview.** English filmmaker Steven Knight's latest is "Locke," set entirely in an automobile.

Writer and director Steven Knight wanted to do something unconventional when he came up with the idea for "Locke," a drama about a construction foreman (Tom Hardy) driving across England while dealing with personal and professional crises via speakerphone. What's unique is that the entire story is told from within the car, seemingly in real time.

"I'd just finished making a conventional film," Knight recalls, referring to "Redemption," which starred Jason Statham. "A couple of things had happened. One was that I'd noticed how beautiful and hypnotic urban environments at night shot from inside moving vehicles are. You get this moving light show, which I found quite beautiful. At the same time, I was trying to take filmmaking back to the very basics of what the job is, which is to get a load of people into a room, turn off the lights and have them engage with a screen. How many other ways are



Writer and director Steven Knight's "Locke" stars Tom Hardy as an everyman. / GETTY IMAGES

there of doing that?"

But Knight wasn't done. "To make life more difficult for myself, I wanted to make the main character the most ordinary person in the world: He's married, he's got two kids, he works in construction," he says. "There's nothing about

him that would make the papers. This is a very ordinary tragedy."

For his extremely normal lead, he cast a very abnormal actor: the guy who played Bane in "The Dark Knight Rises." "[Hardy] was quite keen to play a straight role because he's always larger-than-life monsters or villains or whatever. This is probably his first straight role as an actor," Knight says. "It was Tom who brought the Welsh accent into it because he's got a friend who's Welsh, and he said, 'He's a very ordinary, straight person, so I'll do that guy's voice.'"

## On the road

### Car talk

The idea for "Locke" was so unusual, Knight found, that some car companies didn't want any part of it. In the film, Hardy's character drives a BMW — Knight's second choice. "Originally we were going for a Land Rover, but they didn't want to do it," Knight explains. "Because it's such a weird concept and weird idea, I think people just thought we were mad."

"And so we went to BMW. A lot of people have asked, 'So did you get some sort of great deal from BMW?' But we didn't. They just said, 'You can have two vehicles for 10 days, and then give them back to us at the end.' That was it. Retrospectively, I wish I had made more of it."

## Quoted

**"I was trying to take filmmaking back to the very basics of what the job is, which is to get a load of people into a room, turn off the lights and have them engage with a screen."**

Knight, on the car-only setting of "Locke"



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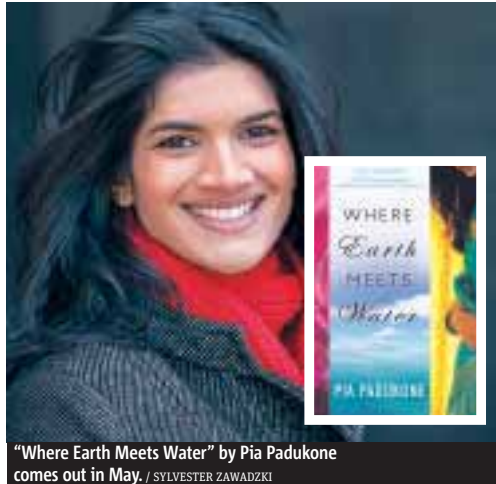


## Start your summer reading early. A local writer's debut novel concerns fate, love and loss

Author Pia Padukone has narrowly escaped death more than once. "The summer before I was a junior in college, I worked as a temp in Tower One of the World Trade Center. My last day was Friday, and I was supposed to fly to London to study abroad on Wednesday. Tuesday, 9/11 happened," she explains.

And that's not all. Padukone was also in India when a tsunami struck the coast in 2004 (Fortunately, she was a couple hundred miles north.). She was also present at the 2013 Boston Marathon, cheering on her husband. "It definitely got me thinking about what it means to have fate look after you," she says.

These experiences inspired her to write her novel, "Where Earth Meets Water." After the main character, Karom, survives both 9/11 and the 2004 Indian tsunami, he struggles with survivor's guilt. His



"Where Earth Meets Water" by Pia Padukone comes out in May. / SYLVESTER ZAWADZKI

girlfriend suggests that he travels to India, hoping he will find peace there; the trip ends up being an unexpected personal journey.

For Padukone, writing "Where Earth Meets Water" took her on an unexpected journey as well. Instead of outlining the book, she just sat down each morning and wrote, not knowing what would happen to her characters.

One of the underlying messages of the story is finding peace where you least expect it. "I personally love intertwined stories. I love the randomness of how people meet and how their story lines become connected," she

says. "Sometimes you can find peace in someone or something you never expected to."

Having lived in New York City all her life, Padukone finds it a surprisingly peaceful location.

"The only place I can really concentrate and read is on the subway. ... I need that ambient noise of the city," she says.

Whatever your thoughts on fate and destiny, "Where Earth Meets Water" can provide an escape that not only takes you around the globe, but also makes you think about how unseen forces affect your own life. **EMILY LAURENCE**

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# 'Showgirls' is good — no, really

**In defense.** Critic Adam Nayman argues for the craft in a bad-cinema classic.

When it came out, "Showgirls" was a critics' punching bag. It still is — it has just been reclaimed as a bad-cinema classic, to be celebrated a la "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." But there's a growing movement — championed by the likes of J. Hoberman, Jim Jarmusch and Jacques Rivette — who argue the film is just misunderstood. To this posse, add critic and scholar Adam Nayman, whose book "It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls" makes a convincing case.

**What was your first time watching 'Showgirls' like?** I had to sneak in to see it in the theater when it came out because I was 14. I wanted to see why it got zero stars from The Globe and Mail. That probably had something to do with how I watched it the first time: Instead of being skeptical of the movie, I was skeptical of the nega-



Elizabeth Berkley isn't the best part of "Showgirls," darlin'. / MGM

tivity surrounding it.

**Some wonder if a lot of the criticism of the film was because audiences didn't understand that it was intended as satire.**

I would argue that it was, and that the filmmakers knew what they were doing. I know Elizabeth Berkley is a tough element to reconcile. I saw it recently, and people who had never seen it before were saying they didn't think she was that bad. That was a revela-

tion to me — that there were people seeing it for the first time who didn't even think the one seemingly obvious bad thing about it was very bad at all.

**A lot of the press for 'Showgirls' remains "It's-so-bad-it's-good."**

I think the well-crafted elements in it clash with how craven some of the dialogue and characters are. To me, that would be a more valid critical observation.

## Times change

### Everyone's a critic

**Even if you think 'Showgirls' is bad cinema, it's not your typical bad cinema.** You see a film such as "The Room," and nobody would say, "Oh, that's not that bad; the acting isn't that bad; the camera angles aren't that bad." This to me is a little closer to "Ishtar," which I think is a good film, too. It's interesting how people watching "Ishtar" for the first time now see it compared to people who saw it in 1987, when it bombed spectacularly. I hate the mentality that something is bad just because everyone says so. "Showgirls" is a really terrible victim of that. You'd be hard-pressed, almost 20 years later, to find a critic who would stick to his or her original analysis of it.



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**Travel.** Here are six tips for living out of two suitcases.

Three years ago, Lynne Martin was "living the California dream ... in a darling house," as she describes it, when she had an epiphany: The author of "Home Sweet Anywhere" wanted to give it all up to travel the world.

"I finally got up the courage to say, 'I'm going to be 70 pretty soon, and there are so many places I want to see.' ... [My husband] Tim said, 'How do we do that? Just leave all this behind?,' and I said, 'Yeah, pretty much,'" recalls Martin.

Four months later, the Martins sold their house and hit the road with just two suitcases and two computers. The Martins have traveled throughout Europe and South America, and they have no plans to settle down. They spend a month or longer in each destination so they can truly explore places and live like locals.

## Do the math

Martin says she and her husband crunched the numbers on the costs of living in their California house compared to living on the road. Much to their surprise, they learned that living on the road was slightly cheaper.

She says it's vital to make sure you can afford your trips. "Do those calculations first," says Martin.

# Livin' la vida local

Make like Lynne and Tim Martin and live a life devoted to wanderlust. / COLOURBOX

"You certainly don't want to spend your capital. We have an investment portfolio that we don't touch." Martin says that she and her husband only use their Social Security and profits from their investments and selling their home to travel.

Paris or Portugal or Italy." Staying in residential neighborhoods keeps them inconspicuous and out of touristy areas.

## Plan ahead

Satisfying your wanderlust doesn't mean you should be reckless. You don't want to be stranded without a place to stay; you also want to make sure you're sticking to your budget. "We know pretty much six months in advance where we're going to go because we're too mature to wing it," Martin says. "The last time we were on the road was for nine months. We were well-organized before we left."

## Live like a local

The Martins are careful not to act like high rollers on vacation; most importantly, they stay in vacation rentals instead of hotels. "We keep a refrigerator full of food, and most of the time we eat at home," says Martin. "The difference is we're in thrilling places like

## Two suitcases only

## Get rid of what you don't need

The Martins need to be ready to leave every few months, so they only carry two suitcases. "Our rule is if you buy something, something else has to go out," says Martin. "Sometimes we even rent clothes." Martin admits that it means you have to get accustomed to wearing the same clothes over and over again. "We want to burn our clothes when we get home," she says.

The Martins also have a storage unit in the U.S. so they can swap out their things when they return.

## Take a day off

Martin says she and her husband would not enjoy their travels nearly as much if they didn't take off a few days once in a while to relax. "When you know you have a month to explore a place, there isn't

this sense of urgency," she says. "We learned that we have to take time on the road to regroup. We have to spend days at home to rest up."



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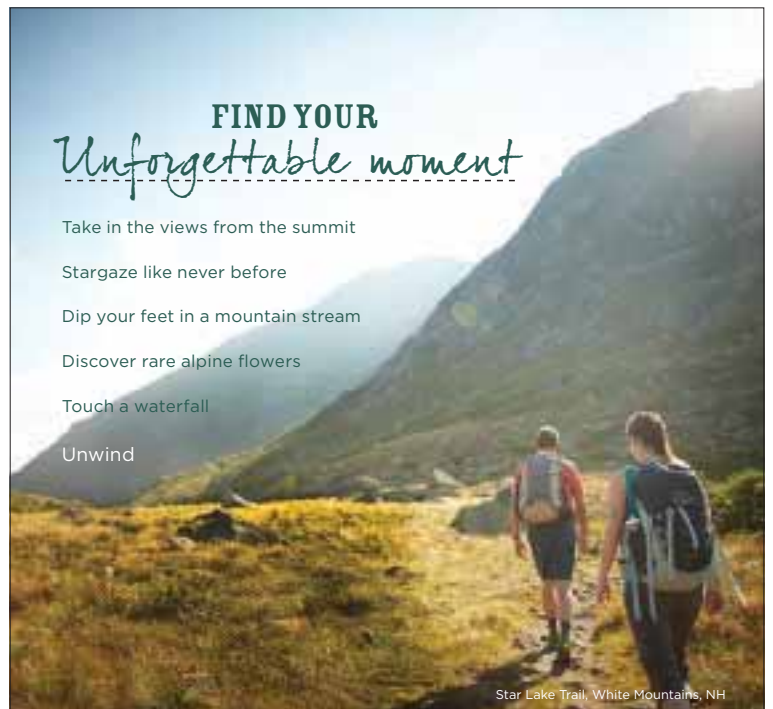
## Learn the language

You certainly don't need to be fluent, but Martin says it's helpful to learn a few key phrases wherever you are. "Please," "thank you," "excuse me," and "beg your pardon" are useful," says Martin. "People are really pretty wonderful when you try to speak their language."



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# Small talk with small people



**New book.** What is the best way to develop your baby's language skills? It's simple — you talk to them.

One-on-one conversations with babies and toddlers have been proven time and time again to help develop their language skills. But as anyone who has stared deep into the eyes of a baby and attempted a conversation with them knows, some guidance on what to chat about would be beneficial.

That's where journalists and authors Nicola Lathey and Tracey Blake come in. Their new book, "Small Talk: Simple Ways to Boost Your Child's Speech and Language Development from Birth to Age Four," is filled with simple and fun activities to encourage and promote engagement with your baby. In honor of the book's release, we asked Blake to share her five best tips on how to get your baby talking.

## Say what you see

If there's one technique that will boost your child's speech, it's "say what you see." With this strategy,

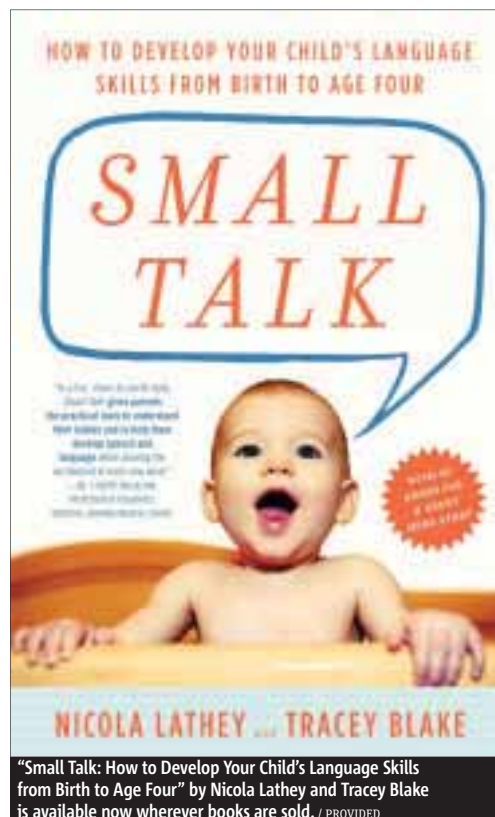
which is all about learning through play, you provide gentle running commentary on what your child is doing at that moment. Follow your child's lead, observe him or her closely to see what interests him or her, comment on what's happening, and pause to allow time for the child to respond. This powerful technique helps your child link what he or she hears to what he or she is doing.

## Set the scene for small talk time

We all know how easy it is to get distracted. Yes, you're busy, but try to realize when windows of opportunity arise and then make the most of them. It could be between supper and bedtime, or in the bath. Ensure the TV is off, phones are far away and all devices are silent — all ears should be on you so your baby only has one source of information to process.

## Be simple and clear

Before a child can begin to speak, he or she needs to first understand what is being said. Once your baby can understand that something that is fluffy and says "woof, woof!" is



"Small Talk: How to Develop Your Child's Language Skills from Birth to Age Four" by Nicola Lathey and Tracey Blake is available now wherever books are sold. / PROVIDED

### Making the effort

## Enjoy small talk time every day

New research has confirmed how important it is to talk to your baby from birth, even before they can respond. At a bare minimum, you should spend at least 10 minutes talking to your child every day. Of course, if you can spend more time talking with your little one, then do! Keep in mind that it's all about quality, not quantity.



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a dog, he can begin to say the word. So when your toddler is under the age of 1, for example, try to communicate in a very simplistic way, using lots of repetition.

## Give reasons to communicate

Mothers often try to preempt their baby's every need, but by doing this your child no longer has a reason to communicate with you. The next time your toddler points furiously at some cookies, pretend you don't understand and offer him or her a piece of fruit instead. Chances are that he or she will make his or her desire for a cookie very clear!

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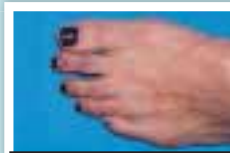


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## Need-to-know. Things every summer camp should have

Alan Saltz, director of the 92nd Street Y program, offers some important pointers when looking for the right summer camp for your child.

"If you don't have the right staff, it's all for naught," Saltz tells us. "That's the No. 1 thing to look for." But an enriching physical activity program is also on Saltz's list of must-haves. "It's important to have a diverse schedule of activities that challenge kids in different ways," says Saltz, "especially for younger kids who have shorter attention spans."

Academics should also play a key role in the summer-camp experience, but learning doesn't have to feel like school. "You can find creative ways to bring learning into camp," Saltz says. This year the 92nd Street Y is joining forces with the New York Academy of Sciences to bring the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum to



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Good camp counselors are crucial to the success of a summer camp. / JUPITERIMAGES

its summer programs. Saltz is confident that using the STEM curriculum to connect kids with the outdoor environment will create a fun and educational time for the campers.

"Life is all around you outdoors, from plants to insects, so we make it a part of the camp [experience]," he says.

Finally, it's important for kids to have a positive social experience at the

camp. Sometimes kids will go to camp with a group of their friends, but Saltz doesn't recommend this. It's better for children to go alone so they can meet other kids and form new relationships, he says, adding, "The reality is that kids usually go with at least one person they know, and that's OK," but try to keep the herd thin so it doesn't turn into a clique. **ROBERT CRISCOLA**

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# Toddler birthday party blues

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## Keeping it real.

Planning a party for someone who isn't old enough to remember it should not be this hard.

We're having a birthday party in Prospect Park this weekend for my son Sam, who is turning 2. Why am I freaking out? Let me count the ways.

**1** In the invite, I pretended that my husband and I were throwing such a super laid-back party that there was no need to even RSVP. And now I don't know how many cupcakes I need to make.

**2** I didn't invite my family/in-laws until the last minute, figuring they wouldn't make the several-hours-long trek to hang out in a park. (They are also helping with our upcoming move to a new house, so I figured two treks to New York would be too much.) I was right — they can't make it. Even though I understand why, I'm a sad-faced emoticon.

**3** I only invited friends-with-kids and super close friends, even though I have plenty of single friends. Who in their right mind would want to go to a 2-year-old's birthday party in the park in the middle of the afternoon? But maybe they think I'm purposely excluding them

because they don't have kids. Or, what if I invite them and then see them posting a snarky essay on Facebook about the horrors of being invited to a toddler's birthday?

**4** Even though I said no gifts, people are going to bring gifts, and I'll have to send thank-you notes. I'm moving my entire life at the end of the month

and work is insane. I will never, ever find the time to send a thank-you note. Everyone will then forever think I'm an ungrateful mooch. This morning I was struck with a happy thought when I was taking Sam to the playground: Maybe it will rain.



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You will be easily upset and drawn into tense situations if you aren't careful. Take a step back and be an observer.

**Gemini** | May 22-June 20.  
A lighthearted attitude will help you win favors. Don't speak out until others have had their say. Avoid confrontations.

**Cancer** | June 21-July 22.  
You aren't guaranteed positive returns on every investment. Consider putting your determination to good use by presenting and promoting your skills and talents.

**Leo** | July 23-Aug. 22.  
Make a point to learn something new. Don't limit your possibilities. If you are uncertain, look into other options. Make changes.

**Virgo** | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.  
It's time to pick up the pace and stop delaying the inevitable. Your original plan may need to be adjusted. Take the initiative.

**Libra** | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.  
Minor health issues will escalate if you don't deal with them right away. Ask for assistance if you need it. Your health should be your No. 1 priority.

**Scorpio** | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.  
Be careful not to overreact. You will have to make a difficult decision regarding a personal matter. You must act fast.

**Sagittarius** | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.  
Don't mix business with pleasure. Someone could use information you divulge against you.

**Capricorn** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.  
Let your colleagues in on your latest venture. They will propose interesting ideas. Some constructive criticism will help you move ahead with your plans.

**Aquarius** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.  
Others may decide to pass their workload on to you. Your responsibilities will take your full attention.

**Pisces** | Feb. 19-March 20.  
Your empathetic nature will be put to good use. Take time to help a worthy organization and share your insight with those who need it the most.

**Aries** | March 21-April 20.  
Be brave and take on a new challenge. If you seem to be in a stalemate, explore ways to diversify your skills. Pursue what interests you.

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## Letters

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**Re: 'Meet George Clooney's fiancée' (Metro, April 28)** I have to say, unless you were being sarcastic — and I still don't understand that — what on Earth did you mean by "Alamuddin ... gives single, mid-30s women around the world some hope"? Please pay attention to what you write.

PAT MORAN, VIA EMAIL

## Ask not what God can do for your dress size

**Re: 'Can the power of prayer help you lose weight?' (Metro, April 28)** This is total blas-

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phemy. Praying was never intended to be used to ask God to make you thinner, prettier, smarter and so on. The caption under the photo of the girl with her hands in prayer form says: "Dear God, please help me look good for swimsuit season." I'm appalled that Metro would even think of publishing this article.

FRAN MANNIX, VIA EMAIL

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## How to play

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

## Across

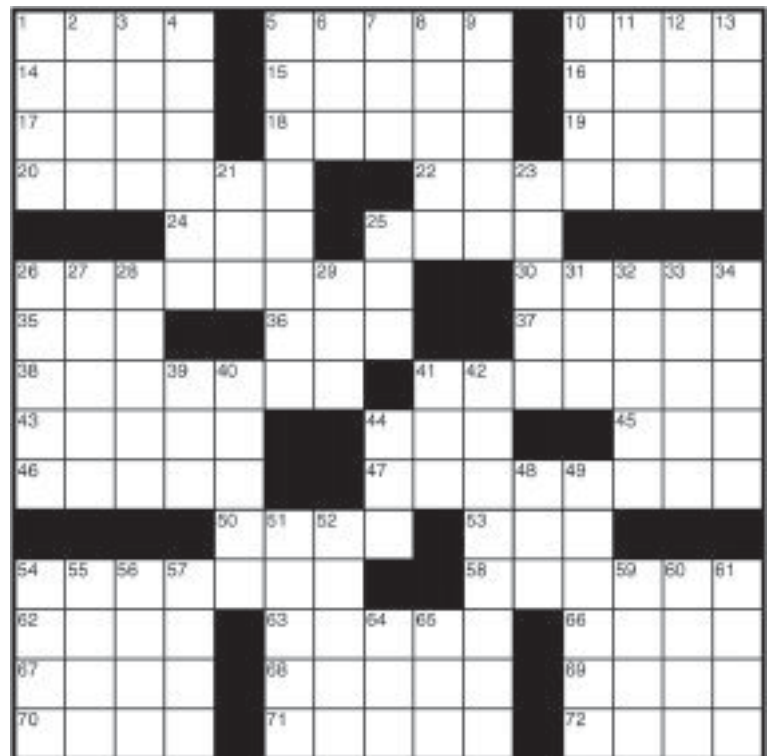
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- 5 Wild
- 10 Sheet candy
- 14 Pact member
- 15 Honshu port
- 16 Peter Gunn's girl
- 17 Sly glance
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- 19 Amiable
- 20 Cut out
- 22 Like the Dalai Lama
- 24 Twist-off —
- 25 Prefix for "second"
- 26 Courier
- 30 Swelter
- 35 — Lingus
- 36 Sinbad's transport
- 37 — Jean Baker
- 38 Igneous rock
- 41 Toss out (hyph.)
- 43 Did something
- 44 Cartoonist — Keane
- 45 Bullring yell
- 46 Reunion attendee
- 47 Like some income
- 50 Off-road vehicles
- 53 Go for the gold
- 54 Window-shopper
- 58 Swirled around
- 62 Jot
- 63 Violinist's need

## Down

- 66 Give the eye
- 67 Morse signals
- 68 Waken rudely
- 69 "Hud" co-star
- 70 Piggy's dinner
- 71 Lancaster group
- 72 Osprey kin
- 1 Goodbye, to Gaius
- 2 Holly genus
- 3 Obi-Wan portrayer
- 4 Half of a song
- 5 Not backside
- 6 Wind dir.
- 7 Queen's fliers
- 8 Watchdog breed
- 9 Caesar's tongue
- 10 Part of N.B.
- 11 Mine entrance
- 12 Costa —
- 13 Astute
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- 26 Twin Cities suburb
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- 28 Steamed
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- 32 Pyromaniac's crime
- 33 Look pleasant

- 34 Took a toll on
- 39 Toshiba competitor
- 40 Proposals
- 41 Loud noise
- 42 — hour (last minute)
- 44 Route follower
- 48 Bail out
- 49 Overhauled
- 51 — incognita
- 52 Indy 500 sound
- 54 Buys at auction
- 55 Churn up
- 56 Kruger or Preminger
- 57 Mud dauber
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## SPORTS

Dr. Jack

### Hall of Famer Ramsay dies

Hall of Fame coach, and one of the most colorful men in basketball history, Dr. Jack Ramsay died late Sunday night at 89. Ramsay, also well known for his colorful suits and broadcasting career, won an NBA title as coach of Bill Walton and the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers. He also won a title as GM of the Philadelphia 76ers in 1967.



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# Richards, St. Louis back on same side

**NHL playoffs.** The two former Stanley Cup-winning teammates are succeeding in the playoffs again.

The road traveled by Brad Richards and Martin St. Louis to arrive back in the playoffs together has encompassed seven years, three cities, two trades and one free agent contract.

Once again Richards and St. Louis, Stanley Cup champions in 2004 with the Tampa Bay Lightning, find themselves competing for the Cup as teammates.

"We're in a playoff again," Richards said Monday after practice for Tuesday's Game 6 of the Metropolitan Division semifinals. "[It] is hard to believe that it's been [since 2007] the last time we were in the playoffs together."

It's been 2,564 days, to be exact, since the Lightning were eliminated from the 2007 postseason.

Seven years later, after Richards had moved on to Dallas, and signed a free agent deal in 2011, the Rangers found themselves locked in a contract dispute with Ryan Callahan. With the two sides at an impasse, Callahan was traded to Tampa Bay for



Richards, left, and St. Louis meet the Flyers in Game 6, leading 3-2, Tuesday at 7 p.m. / GETTY IMAGES

### Quoted

**"It feels normal. It's fun to be back talking hockey and talking about the playoffs and try to figure out how to win."**

Brad Richards, Rangers center, on what it's like to be playing with old teammate Martin St. Louis again

St. Louis — reuniting him with Richards.

"It's a bittersweet day," Richards said of the deadline-day blockbuster. "Losing [Callahan, he] became a good friend. That's a bittersweet day. But if I

had to replace [Callahan] with anybody, obviously getting one of your best friends and a teammate you [won with] — knowing how good a hockey player he is — you don't celebrate that but you can

move on a little easier."

St. Louis struggled in the regular season, scoring only once, but he's broken out in the playoffs.

"I can sit here and sound like a genius and tell you, 'Yeah, I knew this was going to happen,'" Richards said of St. Louis, who has six points in five games this postseason. "I never really thought it wouldn't happen."

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No concern



### Nets' Kidd not worried about Williams' play

The story in Game 1 of the Nets-Raptors series centered around Deron Williams' rejuvenated performance.

But the Nets point guard has been inconsistent since. He shot just 5-of-15 in Game 2, rebounded for 22 points and eight assists in Game 3 and then disappeared down the stretch in a 10-point, five-turnover disaster in Game 4.

"This is a team loaded with all-stars," head coach Jason Kidd said Monday. "It is not so much a problem. For Deron ... having high energy and playing with that energy for 48 minutes on the floor, the rest of the guys follow him."

Williams had zero points in the second half of Game 4 and missed three 3-pointers in the final 4:24. **METRO**

Eight ball

### Vick chooses to wear No. 8 with Jets

If you're getting ready to buy your Jets Michael Vick jersey for 2014, you now know what number it will feature.

The newest Jets quarterback said Monday he will wear No. 8 this fall as he battles with Geno Smith for the starting job.

Vick wore No. 7 at Virginia Tech and at both NFL stops with the Falcons and Eagles, but said he would choose a different number after signing with the Jets last month. Smith wears No. 7 with the Jets, though he wore No. 12 in college at West Virginia. **METRO**

### Don't ya know

### Cano returns this week to Yankee Stadium

When Robinson Cano became a free agent after the 2013 season, most Yankee fans expected to see him in the Bronx in 2014. Few expected having to wait until April 29 to do so.

But the former Yankees second baseman will return to Yankee Stadium as a member of the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday. Cano signed

a 10-year, \$240 million contract with the Mariners last December.

"Baseball is a business like any other business," shortstop Derek Jeter said on Sunday, ahead of seeing his former double-play partner. "Sometimes people lose sight of that. It's not too often that guys get an opportunity in any sport to play with one team for their entire career."

Cano has struggled early in his tenure in the Pacific Northwest.



CANO WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW" MONDAY NIGHT. GETTY IMAGES

He's batting .301, but has just one home run in 93 at-bats. He's averaged one home run every 24.5 at-bats over his career.

Cano spoke to Newsday Monday and said he, like Jeter, hopes the fans understand the business aspects of baseball.

"I hope [the reception is] good," Cano said. "I can tell you I'm excited to go back and be able to see guys that I played with for a long time." **MARK OSBORNE**



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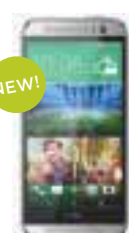
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